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IN SAN MARINO ON US/SAN MARINO RELATIONS

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1. ALTHOUGH INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED INTERNAL AND
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PROGRAMS OF THE NEW SAN MARINO GOVERNMENT
IS STILL SPARSE, I BELIEVE OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE
POLITICAL PARTIES AND INDIVIDUALS FORMING THE NEW
GOVERNMENT IS SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT THE FOLLOWING FORE-
CAST OF ITS POLICIES.

2. FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS. AS
DEPARTMENT IS AWARE FROM PREVIOUS REPORTING, THE UNITARY
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SOCIALIST PARTY WAS CREATED IN 1975 WITH THE BREAKUP OF
THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (REF B). THIS NEW PARTY, LIKE
ITS PREDECESSOR, HAS ALWAYS OPERATED TO THE LEFT OF THE
SOCIALIST PARTY. COMBINING THIS FACT WITH THE ENTRANCE
OF THE COMMUNISTS INTO THE GOVERNMENT, WE CAN EXPECT FAR
LESS COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN SUCH ORGAN-
IZATIONS AS UNESCO AND CSCE. SAN MARINO'S TRADITIONAL

NEUTRALIST STANCE WITH A CLEAR LEANING TOWARD WESTERN POINTS OF VIEW WILL PROBABLY BE REPLACED BY A DISTINCT NEUTRALIST STANCE IF NOT BY ONE LEANING SOMEWHAT TOWARDS THE EASTERN EUROPEAN POINT OF VIEW. I BELIEVE THAT WITH THIS GOVERNMENT WE CAN CERTAINLY NOT EXPECT ACTION SUCH AS THE SAN MARINO VOTE AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF WAR WHICH RESULTED IN THE REJECTION BY A VOTE OF 38-37 OF THE PROPOSAL TO SEAT THE VIET CONG AT ITS MEETING. SIMILARLY, I WOULD BE SURPRISED IF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THIS GOVERNMENT WOULD (LIKE HIS CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PREDECESSOR) CALL ON THE CONSUL GENERAL IN FLORENCE AND RECEIVE HIM IN SA MARINO, SO THAT HE COULD MAKE IT A MATTER OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAT SAN MARINO HAD CONSULTED CLOSELY WITH THE UNITED STATES PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE OF THE SAN MARINO DELEGATION TO HELSINKI AND BELGRADE CSCE MEETINGS. EVEN THOUGH THE NEW MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS IS A REASONABLE AND MODERATE PERSON WITH WHOM WE HAVE WORKED SATISFACTORILY ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS, BOTHE WHEN HE WAS IN THE GOVERNMENT AND WHEN HE WAS OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT, HE PROBABLY WILL BE CONSIDERABLY INFLUENCED BY THE COMMUNISTS AND UNITARY SOCIALISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT.

3. INTERNAL AFFAIRS. SO FAR, THE ONLY PROPOSAL OF NOTE MADE BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS TO RECOMMEND NATIONALIZATION OF SAN MARINO'S MOST IMPORTANT PRIVATE BANK, THE CASSA
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DI RISPARMIO. INDIVIDUALS PURPORTEDLY SPEAKING FOR THE NEW COALITION HAVE ALSO PROPOSED THE IMMEDIATE REVISION OF THE TREATY WITH ITALY WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE INSTALLATION OF RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN SAN MARINO. THIS PROPOSAL IS PRIMARILY FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS PURPOSES SINCE THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT HAD ALMOST CONCLUDED THIS REVISION AT TIME OF GOVERNMENT CRISIS.
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